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## **AMENDMENT**

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action ("Office Action") dated October 10, 2002, please enter the following amendment. This amendment follows the revised format described in the USPTO notice January 31, 2003, "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted."